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## **Twelve Total Cases of West Nile Virus Found In Horses This Year – To Date**

(Phoenix, AZ) -- Two new cases of West Nile Virus have been discovered in Queen Creek and Tucson, Arizona. As of this time last year, Arizona had 60 cases. The following is a list of cases so far this year, with the first case appearing on April 20, 2005.

- Maricopa County        7
- Apache County        1
- Yavapai County        1
- Pinal County        2
- Pima County        1

Last year, 109 cases were discovered in horses in Arizona. West Nile Virus affects horses much more often than any other domestic animals. Many horses infected with West Nile Virus do not develop any illness, but of horses that become ill about one-third die or need to be euthanized. In general, other livestock and poultry do not show any illness if infected with West Nile Virus. Below are some common questions about West Nile Virus in horses.

For all previous press releases pertaining to West Nile in horses, visit [azda.gov/Main/pressReleases](http://azda.gov/Main/pressReleases). For more information about West Nile in horses, visit [azda.gov/Main/wnv](http://azda.gov/Main/wnv).

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